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TRANSMITTAL OF VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS

Re:

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Applicants

Maria Pilar PIRETO-DAPENA et al

Assignee

CONSEJO SUPERIOR DE INVESTIGACIONES

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Dear Sir:

Applicants herewith submit a Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status on behalf a Nonprofit Organization for filing in the above referenced application.

Due entry and filing hereof and a change on the record of the Small Entity Status of the Applicant are accordingly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Attorney for Applicant(s)

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DAJ/ls Enclosure